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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARD - VEHICLES

AT FOLLOWING POSTS IN AF/NEA REGION, TRANSPORTATION POSES
PROBLEMS AS STATED.

1. ACCRA - MSG HOUSE SIX MILES FROM CHANCERY. NO EMBASSY
TRANSPORTATION AFTER MIDNIGHT TP 0730 HOURS AND AT TIMES DIFFICULT
TO OBTAIN DURING OTHER HOURS. SITUATION COULD POSE SERIOUS
PROBLEM IF REQUIRED RESPOND TO EMERGENCY.

2. AMMAN - MARINES HOUSE THREE MILES FROM CHANCERY.
EMBASSY DISPATCHED VEHICLE AND TAXIS USED. LATTER CONSIDERED
UNDESIRABLE.

3. KHARTOUM - MSG HOUSE FOUR MILES FROM CHANCERY. DEPEND
ON EMBASSY DISPATCHED VEHICLE AND TAXIS. LATTER CONSIDERED
UNDESIRABLE. HOWEVER, UNDERSTAND POST OBTAINING VEHICLE FOR
MARINES.

4. PRETORIA - MARINES FOUR MILES FROM CHANCERY. DEPEND ON
EMBASSY DISPATCHED VEHICLE AND TAXIS. HOWEVER, GIVEN SECURITY
CLIMATE AT POST, NOT OVERLY CONCERNED WITH THIS SITUATION.

5. LAGOS - 3.5 MILES FROM CHANCERY; TRAFFIC EXTREMELY HEAVY
AT TIMES. EMBASSY DISPATCHES VEHICLE FOR CHANGE OF POSTS.

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NO DIFFICULTY NOTED WITH SERVICE, BUT THERE COULD BE CONSIDERABLE

DELAY AT TIMES TO RESPOND TO AN EMERGENCY.
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